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1. An electric motor actuator for a motor vehicle lock that can be switched into an "unlocked", "locked" and "locked-antitheft" operating state, said electric motor actuator comprising:

a reversible drive motor;

an actuator drive driven by said reversible drive motor;

an operating lever dynamically coupled to said actuator drive for switching said motor vehicle lock into said "unlocked" and "locked" operating states, said operating lever, at least in an end position of said actuator drive, being mechanically switched between said "unlocked" and "locked" operating states;

an antitheft lever dynamically coupled to said actuator drive for maintaining said operating lever in said "locked" operating state, said antitheft lever being spring-loaded by a pretensioning mechanism and being maintained in an "antitheft-off" operating state by a first control crank mounted on said actuator drive; and

an emergency actuating mechanism for moving said antitheft lever into said "antitheft-off" operating state when a catch mechanism mounted proximal to said actuator drive is overcome while said actuator drive is in said "locked-antitheft" operating state,

wherein said pretensioning mechanism is adapted to switch said antitheft lever is switched from said "antitheft-off" operating state into said "antitheft" operating state.

2. The electric motor actuator as claimed in claim 1, wherein said emergency actuating mechanism is a key-actuated outer locking lever for engaging an actuating projection on said antitheft lever.

3. The electric motor actuator as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a catch mechanism mounted on said actuator drive for moving said antitheft lever from said

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“antitheft” operating state into an "antitheft off" operating state.

4. The electric motor actuator as claimed in claim 3, wherein said catch mechanism is a beveled elastic projection.

5. The electric motor actuator as claimed in claim 3, wherein said catch mechanism is a spring-like tongue which is formed on said actuator drive.

6. The electric motor actuator as claimed in claim 1, wherein said actuator drive is constructed into three planes, said actuator drive being coupled to said reversible drive motor in a middle plane, said actuator drive being coupled to said operating lever in one of upper and lower planes relative to a housing of the actuator, and said actuator drive being coupled to said antitheft lever in the other of said upper and lower planes.

7. The electric motor actuator as claimed in claim 1, wherein said control crank on said actuator drive includes a raised edge having an opening in an upper plane surface of said control crank.

8. The electric motor actuator as claimed in claim 1, wherein said antitheft lever is a two-armed lever.

9. The electric motor actuator as claimed in claim 1, wherein said actuator drive and said antitheft lever are composed of a plastic material.

10. The electric motor actuator as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a microswitch assigned to said operating lever, said microswitch being positioned for actuation by said operating lever via a switch actuating lever.

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11. The electric motor actuator as claimed in claim 10, wherein said switch actuating lever is composed of a plastic material.

12. The electric motor actuator as claimed in claim 10, wherein said microswitch is positioned for actuation by at least one of said operating lever and the actuating element on said actuator drive.

13. The electric motor actuator as claimed in claim 1, wherein said actuator drive includes a second control crank extending in a curve around an axis of rotation of said actuator drive.

14. The electric motor actuator as claimed in claim 13, wherein said second control crank includes a first end having an inner stop located substantially proximal to the axis of rotation of said actuator drive, and a second end opposing said first end and having outer stop situated distal from the axis of rotation of said actuator drive.

15. The electric motor actuator as claimed in claim 14, wherein said operating lever includes a journal which fits into said second control crank and is positioned for being switched by said second control crank into said "locked" and "unlocked" operating states when at least one of said inner stop and said outer stop engages said journal.

16. The electric motor actuator as claimed in claim 15, wherein said operating lever is manually switchable between said "locked" and "unlocked" operating states when said journal is engaged by at least one of said inner stop and said outer stop in a free running state.

17. The electric motor actuator as claimed in claim 16, wherein shut-off of said

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